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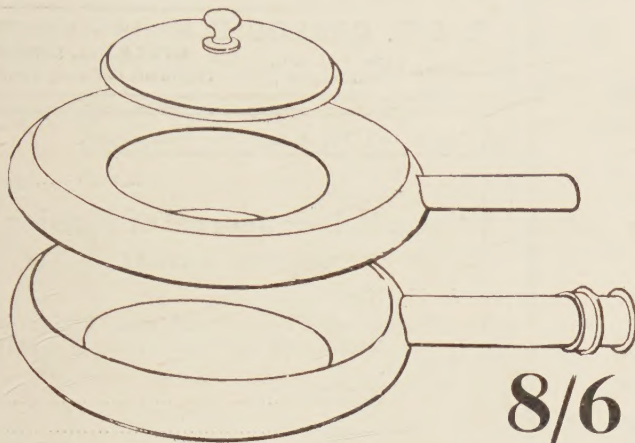
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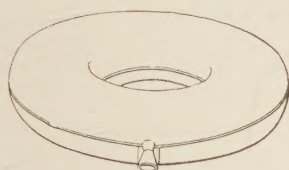
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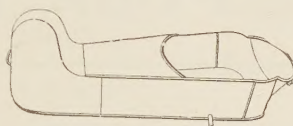


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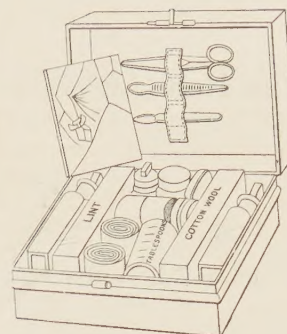
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## EDITORIAL. "THE DAY."

With a suddenness as dramatic as it is complete the sceptre has passed from the hands of the Autocrat of All the Russias into those of the People for the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, in whose favour the Tzar has renounced his crown on behalf of himself and his son, has declared that he will only accept it if elected by the representatives of the People.

With the Navy and the Army on the side of the Duma, the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul in its hands, and utilized as the head-quarters of the revolutionary force, its triumph was complete. Quickly it seized the abhorred Kresty Prison and released all political prisoners. The head quarters of the secret police were burned, and, with them all the archives and papers relating to political personages and organizations. The Arsenal, the Admiralty, the Imperial Winter Palace and the Departments of State were then seized.

According to a communication from a Russian diplomatic source "The inadequacy of the old régime, and its irresponsibility made a change inevitable. The people had no redress and corruption went on unchecked . . . What has happened is the freeing of the great Empire from the shackles which have bound her, and can be regarded as a new guarantee that Russia will wage the war with intensified energy to reach the goal which she and her Allies have in view."

The Cabinet, chosen by the People, has quickly outlined its policy:—Universal suffrage, a complete political amnesty for all the victims of the ancient régime, a national militia instead of the present police, with officers elected by universal suffrage, and religious freedom. A righteous programme under which will dawn a new

day for the great Russian People. No event so soul stirring and so momentous for humanity at large has occurred since the downfall of the Bastille in 1789.

### SOWING THE SEED.

It is one of the pleasures of a nurse's life that her work is above politics. Revolutions may occur, dynasties may change, but she pursues the even tenor of her way undisturbed. Like the cities of refuge of old where every man might take sanctuary, the hospital extends its invitation to all who need its care. The only condition of admission is the urgency of the case. The authorities are not concerned with the patient's politics, or worthiness, whether his disease or hurt is the result of his own wrong doing or his misfortune; they regard him simply as a patient to be cured if this can be compassed by science and good nursing, to be relieved if complete cure is impossible, or to be tenderly cared for until "Death the Consoler, laying his hand upon many a heart has healed it for ever and ever."

Just now, in Russia, British nurses are privileged to help those who have suffered in the throes of the revolution, which, taken as a whole, has been effected with singularly little bloodshed. Reports which have come to hand state that the Anglo-Russian Hospital at Petrograd, and other hospitals where English Sisters are on duty, are doing splendid work, and we do not doubt that the help they are able to give to our Allies in this crisis will help to cement the warm friendship which already exists between the two nations. When the story of the War is written we may hope the sympathetic work of British Nurses will be found to have had a far reaching and beneficent influence in many directions, which will continue to benefit humanity in an ever increasing degree.



## OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

### DESCRIBE HOW YOU WOULD CARE FOR AND FEED A PREMATURE INFANT.

We have pleasure in awarding the prize this week to Miss Catherine Wright, 2, Dryden Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

#### PRIZE PAPER.

The care and feeding of a premature infant is a source of great interest, as the end in view is the rearing of a normal and vigorous infant.

A few preliminary arrangements will greatly add to the well-being of the baby.

The room in which it is to be nursed should be separate from that of the mother, so as to avoid undue disturbance and the oppressiveness of too warm a room.

For the baby, a bright, sunny, airy room, ventilated and warmed by an open fire, which may be protected by a fireguard. The room should be kept at a stationary temperature of 70 degrees Fahr. night and day. A small basket or cradle, lined with a soft blanket, large enough to act as coverlet, and two hot-water bottles, well protected by flannel bags, kept in the cradle, always hot enough to diffuse warmth to the child.

Gamgee tissue, obtained from a chemist, cut to size, and fastened like a coat in front, with tapes, with a separate piece for each limb, makes a light, soft covering for the skin, and is easily removed for any emergency.

A soft piece of rag, placed over the buttocks and well oiled, is an economy, as it can be easily removed when soiled, and burnt, being replaced by a fresh layer of rag, so avoiding an extravagant use of the gamgee tissue.

If the child is not under medical care, a doctor must be called in at once. The child should be weighed, and its weight chart kept regularly—the daily record is useful—together with the diet chart.

The eyes must be kept scrupulously clean, and bathed twice daily with warm boracic lotion and soft sterilized rag, a fresh piece for each application. The mouth must be gently swabbed with sterile rag moistened with boracic lotion twice a day, and with sterile water after each feed.

It is not wise to wash a very premature or feeble infant; simply cleanse the skin gently with warm olive oil, in the meantime observing any abnormality, then arrange the gamgee tissue, with soft rag and diaper.

The directions of the medical attendant as to the administration of food and stimulants must be most carefully followed.

As soon as the mother's breasts are secreting, the colostrum may be drawn off and given

as directed to the child, and, as the milk comes into the breasts, this may be drawn off and given with a pipette, if the child is unable to suck.

Every effort should be made to induce lactation, and the baby put to the breast, if strong enough to draw, so stimulating the flow of milk. In order that breast feeding may be established, a most important factor in the rearing of any infant, and especially a premature one.

It may be that, after every known procedure to help lactation, or on account of disease, hereditary or otherwise, lactation is impossible, *then*, only, may artificial feeding be allowed.

The following is a milk mixture prescribed for a premature infant:—

|                      | Per cent. |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Fat ... ..           | 1.25      |
| Lactose ... ..       | 4.50      |
| Whey Proteins ... .. | 0.50      |
| Caseinogen ... ..    | 0.25      |
| Lime Water ... ..    | 5.00      |
| Water ... ..         | 88.50     |
|                      | 100.00    |

In two-hourly feeds, 2 drs. given at each feed.

If this is digested, the amount is gradually increased.

The child's condition must be closely watched, with its rate of progress. This will be an indication of the quantity and strength of food required.

The feeding must be very regular, and small sips of water may be given between the feeds; the water should always be boiled and allowed to cool.

The bowels should be carefully watched. If they are constipated, this should be reported to the medical attendant. Olive oil is frequently given, in small prescribed quantities regularly to premature babies, and it is probable that the amount may be increased. If bowels are too relaxed, the amount of oil must be reduced.

Premature babies should lie in their warm cradles, and be as undisturbed as possible.

Complications may occur, therefore constant observation is necessary. Convulsions may supervene, and remedies should always be at hand, with a constant supply of hot water in readiness for any emergency.

#### HONOURABLE MENTION.

The following competitors receive honourable mention:—Miss M. F. Irons, Miss M. Robinson, Miss M. E. Jones, Miss T. MacWilliam, Miss A. Ivens.

#### QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

What is a civic nurse? Give an idea of her true relationship to the municipality and public health service.



## FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

### CROIX ROUGE FRANCAISE (COMITÉ DE LONDRES).

For the future the French Flag Nursing Corps will form an integral part of the Croix Rouge Française (Comité de Londres), and as such will be financed by it—an eminently satisfactory arrangement made possible by the generosity of the President, the Vicomtesse de la Panouse, who, as President of both organizations, sincerely appreciates the excellent services rendered by the highly-skilled Sisters of the F.F.N.C. to her heroic compatriots and the unselfish and understanding spirit in which they have carried out their duties.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has been invited to act as Hon. Superintendent and Treasurer of the Corps—thus providing for expert opinion at Headquarters in London, and has consented to accept office with the aid of Miss Grace Ellison, Déléguée du Ministre de la Guerre, and delegate of the Comité de Londres, in France.

Dr. Murray Leslie, who has since its inception given most generous professional service to the Corps, will continue to act as Hon. Medical Adviser, and Miss I. Hutchinson will be Secretary as heretofore. These appointments are greatly appreciated by the Sisters in France, between whom and their officers the greatest cordiality has existed, and through which good feeling perfect harmony exists. We feel sure the F.F.N.C. in the future as in the past will continue its successful unobtrusive work, and that one and all will continue inspired by the desire that the Sisters may be enabled to render to the utmost of their power help and comfort in the highest degree to the brave sick and wounded soldiers of the great Republic, heroes who with such astounding valour are daily making ultimate victory more sure.

#### A MARK OF CONFIDENCE.

The whole Corps will rejoice at the mark of confidence extended to Miss Ellison by the French Government, who, as its honoured guest, has been permitted to visit Verdun accompanied by Miss Davies, whose mother has been a most generous supporter of the Corps, and accompanied by the Marquis de Ganay. What an experience! a heart-rending, yet glorious sight, but over it we must in loyalty draw a veil—the enemy is still at its gates.

#### A CHARMING VIGNETTE.

"We are beginning to thaw," wrote a Sister this week. "The violets and primroses are here and in a few days spring will be with us, after such a winter; but how soon we forget the little discomforts we have had to endure when we see the sun smiling down upon us, and to-day he is laughing broadly. Isn't hope a marvellous help? This is my second spring in this land of flowers, and this year every uncurling leaf and twinkling bud conveys its message. We feel victory in our veins, and we all want to jump over the moon—Baghdad—Petrograd—Peronne! "Why you

smile?" asked a Poilu who was watching me write. "Listen," and I read this bit of my letter. "Why not Berlin?" he cried, throwing his cap in the air, and off he went dancing round the garden on his crutches. I, too, should have loved to whirl after him on the tips of my toes, my "pinny" and cap wings floating around. But I didn't. That is how the French spring bestirs red corpuscles, and you know I am not really frivolous."

Now isn't that a charming vignette?"

## OUR ROLL OF HONOUR.

### SAD NEWS COMES FROM SALONIKA.

The British hospital camps attached to the Serbian Army at Vertekop, which on three occasions last summer were bombed by German aeroplanes, were again attacked in similar fashion last week, with the result that several of the patients were killed or wounded and two British nurses lost their lives. These were Staff Nurse M. S. Dewar, Q.A.I.M.N.S. Reserve, and Staff Nurse M. Marshall, of the same Service. Staff Nurse D. E. Dodds, T.F.N.S., who was trained at the Willesden Infirmary, was wounded, but we are glad to know she is recovering. There is absolutely no excuse for this new act of barbarity, because the hospital camps in question are situated a long distance from any other camps and are conspicuously marked with enormous red crosses painted on the ground.

It is evident that the enemy bombarded them intentionally.

## WEDDING BELLS.

The many friends of Miss Constance Maudling at St. Giles' Infirmary, Camberwell, where she was trained, and elsewhere, will offer her their warm wishes for her future happiness on her marriage with Mr. Conrad Hughes Davies, 2nd Lieut., Household Battalion, and son of the late Mr. David Davies, of Pernambuco and Madeira, and Mrs. Davies. The wedding took place at Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where Miss Maudling's father, Engineer-Captain W. I. Maudling, R.N., resides, the ceremony being performed by the Vicar, Canon A. Root.

After completing her training at Camberwell, Mrs. Davies had experience of private nursing in Liverpool, and was afterwards Sister at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham, and holds the I.S.T.M. certificate for massage. In 1913, she was appointed a Matron at the Staff Quarters of the Great Western of Brazil Railway Company, Pernambuco, and in 1915, did holiday duty with the F.F.N.C.

The King paid a surprise visit on Tuesday to St. Dunstan's, Regent's Park, N.W., where such good work is being done for blinded soldiers. His Majesty was gratified to hear that the work of the blinded soldier masseurs is much appreciated. All who have left St. Dunstan's are employed.



## NURSING AND THE WAR.

The following Matrons, Sisters and Staff Nurses had the honour of being received by the King at Buckingham Palace, on Saturday last, when he decorated them with the Royal Red Cross:—

### THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

#### FIRST CLASS.

Head Sister—Mildred Hughes, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

Sisters—Annie Frank, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service; Mary Ritchie-Thompson, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Principal Matron—Clara Alcock, Territorial Force Nursing Service.

Matrons—Gertrude Davies, Territorial Force Nursing Service; Annie Kerslake, Territorial Force Nursing Service; Margaret Priestman, Territorial Force Nursing Service; Amelia Kellett, Australian Army Nursing Service.

Matron-in-Chief—Mabel Thurston, New Zealand Army Nursing Service.

#### SECOND CLASS.

Sisters — Irene Cave-Brown-Cave, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve; Hilda Chibnall, Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve; Theodora Macmahon, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

Territorial Force Nursing Service—Matrons: Elizabeth Simpson, Phoebe Smith.

Assistant Matrons—Ethel Bullock, Mabel Chatrley, Margaret Crooke, Hilda Kendall, Henrietta Ward.

Sisters—Catherine Anderson, Edith Arrow-smith, Annie Billington, Sarah Cherry, Lucy Clough, Mary Dando, Katherine Daniel, Ellen Devlin, Annie Foley, Florence Gill, Elizabeth Hay, Agnes Maddox, Ethel Pearson, Edith Pemberton, Minnie Poole, Lily Rea, Annie Robinson,

Blanch Spoor, Jane Townsend, Olive Walters, Hannah Wharton.

Staff Nurses—Sarah Cooke, Mary Holt, Fanny Jones, Jean McGuffog, Emma Monteith, Elizabeth Nicholson, Octavia Rose, and Grace Thacker.

Australian Army Nursing Service—Matron Ruby Kidd.

Sisters—Gladys Echlin, Elizabeth Fleming, Ann Hart, Eleanor Jeffries, Jessie Kennedy, Maud McNulty, Clementina Marshall.

Staff Nurses—Margaret Eldridge and Edith Rush.

New Zealand Army Nursing Service—Matrons: Elizabeth Nixon, Fanny Wilson, and Sister Marie Wilkie.



SISTER E. K. THOMPSON,  
who has been awarded the Military Medal for bravery  
in the field. She was wounded on November 10th and  
has been in France since 1914.

Queen Alexandra received at Marlborough House the Matrons, Sisters and Staff Nurses of the Naval and Military Nursing Services who had been awarded the Royal Red Cross, subsequent to the Investiture at Buckingham Palace.

By the courtesy of the Editor of *The Gentlewoman* we are able to publish our illustrations of Sister Ethel Thompson, of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, and Miss Florence Smith, R.R.C. Sister Thompson has been in France since 1914, and was wounded on November 10th, and has received the coveted Military Medal for bravery in the field. Miss Florence Smith is the Matron of the Third Southern Hospital Bristol (T.F.); she has been decorated by the King with the Royal Red Cross.

Three of the nurses on the Glasgow and West of Scotland Co-operation of Trained Nurses (16-18, Sardinia Terrace, Glasgow, West)—Nurses Beaton, Lyle and Temple—have received the Royal Red Cross, and others have been mentioned in despatches. In all 80 have been able to take part in war work. This the Executive Committee



points out, has meant financial sacrifice both to the nurses and to the Home, as the remuneration for Army nursing is considerably less than that earned by a nurse on the staff of the Co-operation. A nurse in France wrote to the Lady Superintendent, Miss Rough: "Nurse Lyle thoroughly deserves the much-valued honour, she has been under shell fire four or five times.

#### A DANGEROUS CONTRACT.

The Secretary of the War Office makes the following announcement:—

Nurses holding certificates for three years' general training, who are desirous of being employed in military hospitals should apply in writing without delay to the Matron - in - Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., Adas-tral House, Victoria Embankment, London, E.C. 4.

Increased rates of pay are now granted after twelve months service.

The following is one reason, and a very vital reason, why there is a shortage of Trained Nurses in military hospitals controlled by the War Office, Self-respecting, well-trained women object to signing the Agreement, one Clause of which is considered most offensive. We suggest to the Secretary of State for War that he should require the Army Council to reconsider the terms of Agreement trained nurses serving as members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve have to sign, and insist upon its immediate modification. It was enforced before his time, so he may very well rescind it.

#### THE OFFENDING CLAUSE.

"6. If I shall in any manner misconduct myself or shall be (otherwise than through unavoidable illness or accident) unfit in any respect for service under this agreement, of which misconduct you (that is Lord Derby) or your authorized representative (that is Sir Alfred Keogh, Director-General Army Medical Department) shall be the sole

judge, you shall be at liberty, from and immediately after such misconduct or unfitness, to discharge me from further service hereunder and thereupon all pay and allowances hereunder shall cease."

Unless this intolerable Clause were in print it would be impossible to believe that British women are invited to place themselves in such a defenceless position either by the Army Council or the Nursing Board, whilst offering to perform the most patriotic service in war time.

#### THE NURSING BOARD.

According to the last available Army List the following form the Nursing Board:—

*President:* Queen Alexandra.

*Vice - President:* The Dowager Countess Roberts, C.I., R.R.C.

*Chairman:* The Director - General, Army Medical Service.

*Member of the Advisory Board:* Major (temp. Col.) Sir J. B. Bradford, K.C.M.G., M.D., &c.

*The Matron - in - Chief:* Miss E. H. Becher, R.R.C.

*Matrons of the Civil Hospitals:* Miss Rachel Cox-Davies, R.R.C., Miss L. V. Haughton, R.R.C.

*Nominated by Her Majesty Queen Alexandra:* The Countess of Airlie, Viscount Knutsford,

*Secretary:* Miss E. M. McCarthy, R.R.C., Principal Matron.



MISS FLORENCE SMITH,  
Matron of the Third Southern Hospital, Bristol.  
Awarded the Royal Red Cross.

some attention. Mr. Brady asked in the House of Commons on Monday what were the terms on which hospital trained nurses were employed in the Army; and what pensions the Government will give such nurses who are invalided whilst in the Service?

Mr. Foster replied stating the emoluments received and added that the present scale of disability pensions is given in Army Orders 151 of 1915, but that the question of revising this scale is now under consideration.

At last, Members of Parliament are beginning to realise trained nurses exist and are worthy of



## JOINT WAR COMMITTEE.

The following Sisters have been deputed for duty in Home Hospitals:—

*Aux. Mil. Hosp., Darley Dale.*—Miss L. Swift, Miss M. H. Marriott.

*Red Cross Hosp., The Vicarage, Shoreham.*—Miss M. North.

*Highlands Moor Hosp., Llandrindod.*—Mrs. A. B. Oughterson.

*Kingsclerc Home Hosp., Newbury.*—Miss A. M. Staples Cook.

*Hosp. for Officers, 24, Park St., W.*—Miss M. A. R. Airey.

*Roundhay Mil. Hosp., Leeds.*—Miss M. G. Macleod.

*The Maples, Hitchin.*—Miss E. O'Sullivan.

*Mil. Hosp., Bramley, Surrey.*—Miss E. Randall.

*Wendlesham Moor Mil. Hosp., Surrey.*—Miss I. H. Powell.

*Yacht Club V.A. Hosp., Gravesend.*—Mrs. A. M. Courton.

*V.A. Hosp., Hanley Castle, Worcester.*—Miss A. Eldridge.

*Rosemary Hosp., Harpenden.*—Miss M. K. Burton, Miss P. E. Blackall.

*Mil. Hosp., Rye.*—Miss M. A. Kett.

*Red Cross Hosp., Kenilworth.*—Miss A. Jenkins.

*Syon House, Brentford.*—Mrs. M. E. Perniger.

*Waverley Abbey Hosp., Farnham.*—Miss B. H. Jamieson.

*Government Col. Hosp., Coventry.*—Miss E. H. Byrne.

*Roundhay Aux. Hosp., Leeds.*—Miss M. Ramsden.

*St. John's War Hosp., Hull.*—Miss S. Pope, Miss L. Brooks.

*Henwick House Hosp., nr. Wellingborough.*—Mrs. R. Welch.

*St. John's V.A. Hosp., Chester.*—Miss L. A. Hennell, Miss A. E. Fawke.

*Percy House Schools, Isleworth.*—Miss J. Stenhouse.

*Red Cross Hosp., Waterlooville.*—Miss E. J. Southwick.

*V.A. Hosp., Bush Hill Park.*—Mrs. E. A. Knox.

*Rust Hall, Tunbridge Wells.*—Miss D. H. Vernon.

*Red Cross Hosp., Penarth.*—Miss G. Davies.

*Loversall Hall, Doncaster.*—Miss S. A. McCracken.

*Durham House, Crouch Hill.*—Miss M. C. Ince.

*V.A. Hosp., Burnham-on-Crouch.*—Miss E. Nelson.

*Oaklands, Clevedon.*—Miss C. Burgess.

*Wilmslow, Cheshire.*—Miss A. M. Haas.

*Barton Court Hosp., Hungerford.*—Mrs. A. F. Philpott, Mrs. E. K. Greatrex.

*Grovelands, Southgate.*—Miss A. M. Seabrook.

*Red Cross Hosp., Gillingham.*—Mrs. O. H. Bannister.

*Wyck Cross, Forest Row.*—Miss A. C. Osborne.

*Fairlawn Aux. Hosp., Forest Hill.*—Miss B. O'Sullivan.

*Coleshill, Warwickshire.*—Mrs. A. H. Forster.

*V.A. Hosp., Cuckfield.*—Miss J. Jackson.

## MILITARY ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.

No person who is interested in the care of the wounded (and who is not?) should rest content until he (or she) has obtained the privilege of seeing over this hospital, which is housed in the Hammersmith Infirmary, Ducane Road, Wormwood Scrubs.

It exists, as its name implies, for the treatment and restoration of deformities from which a large proportion of wounded soldiers are incapacitated after the healing of their wounds.

This is the primary object of the hospital. But there is another feature in this important treatment which gives the hospital its distinguishing characteristics. All imaginative persons whether on visiting various hospitals for the wounded, or on meeting them in the streets and lanes, must reflect not only on their sufferings of body, but also on the mental effect that continued inactivity must have on a naturally hardworking man. Capt. Hill, R.A.M.C., the Registrar of this hospital, has set himself to remove this bar to convalescence. Every man has to contribute to the common good of the institution. Practically the whole work is done by the patients themselves. It must be borne in mind that these men are not straight from the Front but are drafted from other hospitals for the cure of deformity. In the skilled trades instructors supervise. Many of the men are themselves skilled and work is found to suit all classes and occupations. Carpenters' shop, boot repairing, tailoring, white-washing, painting, expert instrument making, with machinery and forge required for this purpose, are all included in the scheme. The mechanical appliance department is truly wonderful and the work turned out is of the highest order; splints, &c., which ordinarily cost many pounds are here made for a few shillings and thus a huge saving to the Government is effected. The men often make their own appliances. They police themselves and are possessed of an excellent band. The authorities believe in doing away with the ugly grey uniform and restoring the men to khaki with the distinctive blue band; this is much appreciated and the morale of the men correspondingly improves. The large dining-hall seating 600 is full at meals, each man having a numbered place which corresponds to his bed number. The band plays during dinner-time. A magnificent Gymnasium is being erected by the generosity of King Manoel, who spends most of his time in the building, his name appearing on the board at the entrance among the other officers. The Red Cross have contributed £5,000 to the electrical and water baths which when completed will be the finest in existence, and will contain the latest appliances. The massage department is well worth a visit; 300 patients are treated there daily so it may well be imagined that the Masseuses are not idle. A Y.M.C.A. hut in the grounds is fitted with every means for the recreation of the men. Capt. Hill believes in play as thoroughly as in work and



special passes are granted to the men who show themselves willing to work.

The accommodation is for 800 and tents are shortly to be erected to increase the number. It is gratifying to learn that six hospitals on similar lines are to be organised in other parts of the country. We sincerely hope they may all be as fortunate as this one in securing the services of such a genial and sympathetic enthusiast as Capt. Hill.

### CARE OF THE WOUNDED AND THE DEAD.

The cost of providing for the graves of overseas soldiers dying in this country is to be borne by the Imperial Government, it was stated at a War Office meeting of the Prince of Wales' Committee for the Care of Soldiers' Graves.

All graves are to be temporarily marked. In France the tenderest care is being taken of them, and careful attention is also being paid to the upkeep of military graves in India.

This is a very great consolation to many, who, in losing their nearest and dearest, have lost the very savour of life.

The War Office has recognized the City of London Military Hospital, Finsbury Square, as a primary institution instead of an auxiliary one. In future convoys of wounded will be received direct from the front, instead of as drafts through other hospitals.

### TUBERCULOSIS IN THE ARMIES.

One of the sad results of the war is the spread of tuberculosis in the Armies in the field. Given a centre of infection in a soldier suffering from tuberculosis, the conditions of trench life are such as to favour its contraction by men who are predisposed to the disease. It is realised in France that vigorous measures are needed to combat this growing evil, which is stated by Professor Maurice Letulle and M. Maurice Barrès to be a vital problem. Already 100,000 men in the French Army have been attacked by tuberculosis, and it is obvious, in the interests of the Army, which is thus depleted of men, through their contraction of a preventable disease, in the interests of the sick men themselves, and of their relatives who are exposed to infection if they return home, that vigorous measures must be taken.

Accordingly a "Day" was arranged on which donations were asked for, and Professor Letulle made a public statement showing the importance of at once establishing and maintaining sanatoria, providing at least 80,000 beds, for not only must the men invalided from the Army be considered, but it is estimated that another 100,000 of those now prisoners in Germany will return with the same disease. Two and a half millions of francs have been subscribed, but many more are needed.

It is therefore the aim of the Comité Central, the President of which is M. Léon Bourgeois, and

the Service de Santé, that Committees should be established throughout France, members of which will visit tuberculous soldiers in their homes, arranging either that the patients shall be sent to sanatoria or be cared for at home by visiting doctors and nurses, who will at the same time instruct the relatives as to the precautions necessary to safeguard their own health.

The tuberculous French soldier has already the right to three months' treatment in a civil sanatorium, before he is discharged from the Army, at the expense of the State, but the problem to which the Comité Central is directing its attention is how to help the men at the end of this period.

In no form of disease is skilled nursing of greater benefit or comfort to the sufferers, or a greater protection to the community. It would be a happiness if British nurses were able to help their French colleagues in caring for these tuberculous soldiers, both in sanatoria and in their own homes. Many nurses in this country have now had considerable training and experience in this branch of nursing.

### THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Irish Nurses' Association held their Annual Meeting on St. Patrick's Day, at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. The President, Miss Ramsden, presided, and there were also present Miss O'Flynn (Vice-President), Miss Huxley, Miss Carson-Rae, Miss Thornton, Miss Reeves, Miss Manning, Miss Hughes, Miss Kearns, Miss V. Roberts, Miss Bankhead (Assistant Matron, Richmond Hospital), and over 100 members.

The adoption of the annual report and statement of accounts was moved by Miss Roberts, seconded by Miss Thornton, and carried.

Many questions of interest to nurses were discussed, amongst others it was proposed by Miss Carson-Rae, seconded by Miss Kearns, and passed unanimously that the I.N.A. should be federated to the National Union of Trained Nurses and the Scottish Nurses' Association.

The election, by vote, of officers for the ensuing year then took place. The Vice-President, Miss O'Flynn, Children's Hospital, Temple Street, succeeds Miss Ramsden as President; Miss Carson-Rae was elected Vice-President; Miss Hughes, Hon. Secretary; and Miss Thornton, Mrs. Manning, and Miss Ramsden form the Finance Committee.

After the business meeting there was a very pleasant social gathering. A large number of the members were in fancy dress. Miss Molony, Sister in the Richmond Hospital, was awarded a prize for her most successful personation of the Irish Nurses' Association, and Miss Dillon, Children's Hospital, Temple Street, won a prize for the advertisement competition.

We learn that the suggestion, under consideration in Dublin, of forming an Irish Board of professional persons for educational purposes, independent of English control, finds great favour with many Irish nurses.



## QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

### STATE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

In the House of Commons on Thursday, March 15th, Major Chapple asked the Prime Minister "Whether, in view of the fact that all the great associations representing the nursing profession in the United Kingdom, including the British Medical Association, the Royal British Nurses' Association, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the Fever Nurses' Association, the Association for promoting the Registration of Nurses in Scotland, the Scottish Nurses' Association, the Irish Nurses' Association, the National Union of Trained Nurses, and the College of Nursing, Limited, have now announced officially their unqualified support of State Registration, if he will bring in a Bill to effect this purpose?"

Mr. Hayes Fisher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board, said: "The Prime Minister has asked me to reply to this question. I am aware that the bodies named have expressed opinions in favour of the State Registration of Nurses, but the information before me does not show that they are in agreement as to the character of the scheme. I cannot at present give any promise of legislation on the subject."

We are quite satisfied with the reply that at present no promise of legislation on the subject of Registration of Nurses can be given, because we have always maintained that during this all-absorbing war it is not the time to legislate for a class of women, thousands of whom are absorbed as they should be, with national duty for our sick and wounded, and therefore unable to consider or discuss the question. We are quite prepared to wait for this great reform until after the war, but we are not altogether satisfied with the implied reason given by Mr. Hayes Fisher, for the Prime Minister, as to why the Government will not bring in a Bill.

Everyone who agrees on the principle of Registration does not agree as to the "character of the scheme." Certainly they do not, and they never will. Until recently the question was sharply supported or opposed. Broadly, the working nurses and liberal-minded Matrons and medical men supported State Registration, and the employers of nurses and their officers opposed it. Now, ignoring the considered opinions and confirmed convictions of the promoters of the reform, a section of the former "antis" are supporting a species of patriarchal registration which, however, admits the principle of the organisation of trained nursing by the State.

These two sections are opposed in one important particular. The independent nurses claim adequate self-government and representation on the Provisional Governing Body of their own profession which will make the Rules and Regulations they have to obey, and the converts to registration still

claim control of trained nurses by the Nursing Schools, through their dependent officials, and deny to certificated nurses the right to representation on the Provisional Governing Body, to be set up by the Act.

The "anti" group now recognises that the pioneers have converted the country to the necessity for State Registration, and although they realise the inevitable, they are quite as determined as ever that the control of educational standards and economic conditions for nurses shall remain in the hands of their employers. Moreover, they now claim disciplinary control of the whole profession *for life*, through control of our Register.

It is quite a simple proposition, to which the poor have been compelled to submit from time immemorial under feudal laws, which have never been modernised so far as hospital government is concerned. But the proposition of absolute control of the workers by their employers is one which all male workers have rightly resisted of late years, and which, in the case of these voters, Parliament has been compelled to adjust in both trades and professions. It does not wait to legislate until both sides are agreed. What is known as maintaining the equilibrium between masters and men is the duty of the State; that is what we pay its administrators to do, and we hope that at a convenient season the Prime Minister or the President of the Local Government Board, who, we have been told, has a Nurses' Registration Bill under consideration, will realise that industrial and professional subjection of the working nurse is as obsolete in Britain as it is now in Russia, and that independent British nurses do not mean to submit to it. In no environment are women more cramped and dominated than by the present system of hospital management. The system is still quite feudal, and we commend to Mr. Hayes Fisher, when time permits, the study of the Nursing question, and the amelioration of present conditions through a just Registration Bill, granting to British nurses the same element of human responsibility recently acquired by the Russian *moujik*. We have been very patient for many years with the evasions of successive Governments in this connection. Presently it will be time to "toss the bonnet over the border."

Trained nurses owe a great debt of gratitude to Major Chapple, M.P., who, in spite of his arduous medical duties is keeping their interests well before Parliament.

### NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

#### NEW APPOINTMENTS.

*La Panne, Ambulance de l'Océan.*—Miss Cancellor.  
*Urgency Cases Hospital, France.*—Miss L. Atkinson (re-appointed).

*Red Cross Hospital, Leominster.*—Miss Bertram (Sister-in-Charge).

*Exeter V.A. Hospital.*—Miss S. M. Rogers (Sister).



## LEWES BRANCH.

The Lewes Branch of the N.U.T.N. held its Annual Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 24th. After the usual business had been conducted, Miss Eden, the Hon. Organiser of the Union gave an address on the work of the Central Office. Miss Eden also explained the developments of the Union with regard to the proposed Royal British College of Nursing. A Resolution was passed unanimously urging the College to arrange for representation of the Nurses' Societies through the Central Committee in any Bill brought forward by the College, to take effect on the Provisional Council of the Bill.

## MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The following paragraph has been sent for publication by Miss Mundy, Hon. Sec. Manchester Branch, N.U.T.N., from the Royal Infirmary, Manchester:—

"The following resolution was sent out to 355 members, the result being 145 not returned, 202 in the affirmative, 5 in the negative, 3 too late:—

*Resolved:* 'That the Manchester Branch very much regrets the action of the Council in opposing the College of Nursing, in its endeavours to obtain union, and begs the Council of the N.U.T.N. to change its policy, and if possible to co-operate with the College.'

"A copy of this Resolution and the result has been sent to the Executive Committee, and also to all Branch Secretaries, asking them to lay the matter before their Committees and their Members."

We presume this entirely misleading resolution has been drafted by Miss Sparshott, the Chairman of the Manchester Branch, and known throughout the nursing profession for years as one of the most intolerant opposers of the State Registration of Nurses, and who recently expressed the opinion that it was the place of Matrons "to suggest, direct and control the College of Nursing"! The Council of the Union is not "opposing the College," but objects to the unconstitutional policy of its nominated Council, of which Miss Sparshott is a member, and cannot "co-operate" with it until it recognises the right of direct representation for the nursing profession on any Body set up to govern it. The N.U.T.N. is a democratic body, and repudiates the claim of Miss Sparshott that "union" in the profession can be obtained by the autocratic control of the nominated Council of a lay Corporation such as the College of Nursing, from which all representation of the organised nurses' societies has been most determinedly excluded. Miss Sparshott may rest assured that the N.U.T.N. is not to be coerced at her will into betraying the fundamental principles for which it was founded, and which it intends to maintain.

Women with conscientious convictions do not change their professional policy as expediency dictates, as the majority of the "anti" Registration Matrons now grouped in the College Council have done.

## NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

A quiet day for prayer and meditation will be held on Tuesday, March 27th, by kind permission of the rector, at Holy Trinity Church, St. Marylebone, N.W. It will be conducted by the Rev. G. H. Harris, S.C.F., Chaplain King George Hospital, and the general subject for addresses will be "Faith and Service."

6 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer.

10.30—12.30 Morning. *Faith.* Addresses:

1. "Discipleship." 2. "Eternal Truth."

2.30—4.30 Afternoon. *Service.* Addresses:

1. "Worship." 2. "Work." 3. "Vision."

7.30—8.30 Shortened Evening Prayer and Intercession, with Address by the rector, the Rev. E. N. Sharpe, M.A. Subject: "The Ideal Servant."

There will be periods for Prayer and Silent Meditation after each address.

Mr. Harris will be in the church from 12.30—1, and from 2—2.30 to give further help to any Nurses who wish.

## INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE NURSING PROFESSION.

THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE is an inter-denominational society, founded in 1903, with the object of bringing before members of the nursing profession the claims of Medical Missions. It has branches in many of the large hospitals in Great Britain, and a large number of members throughout the world. It seeks (1) to make known the needs of Medical Missions and to secure volunteers for this work; (2) to help those nurses who intend to become foreign missionaries to make the best use of their time in preparing for their future work; and (3) to help members of the nursing profession to dedicate their lives to the service of God whether at home or abroad.

REQUIREMENTS FOR MISSIONARY WORK.—A missionary nurse should have the best *professional* training. A three years' general training is essential; also, for almost every station, the C.M.B. certificate. Administrative experience, and eye work, dispensing and a knowledge of the administration of anæsthetics are extremely valuable. Equally essential are the qualities of *character*—patience, humility, adaptability, cheerfulness, and above all an earnest desire to win men and women to Jesus Christ through the ministry of healing.

WHERE TO OFFER.—Practically all the Missionary Societies carry on medical work and have vacancies for nurses. Information can be obtained from the Candidates' Secretaries of the Societies, or from the Secretary of the Nurses' Missionary League (see below).

Further information on the above subjects, and advice as to where the best training can be obtained, will be gladly given by the Secretary, Miss H. Y. Richardson, Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W.



## APPOINTMENTS.

**SISTER.**

**Bethnal Green Military Hospital.**—Miss I. K. C. Cochrane has been appointed Sister. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. She has been Sister at the Children's Hospital, Brisbane, and co-Matron of a Private Hospital in the same city.

**CHIEF HEALTH INSPECTOR AND INSPECTOR OF MIDWIVES.**

**Devon County Council.**—Miss L. M. Booker has been appointed Chief Health Inspector and Inspector of Midwives. Miss Booker has held the position of inspector of midwives under the Devon County Council for the last four years. There were 45 applicants for the post.

**QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.****TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENTS.**

Mrs. Jessie A. Clarke is appointed to Lincs. C.N.A. as Assist. Supt. Mrs. Clarke received General Training at Aston Union Infirmary Birmingham, District Training at Cardiff, Midwifery Training at Cheltenham, and holds the C.M.B. certificate. She has held several appointments under the Institute and was also Health Visitor under Lindsey C.C.

Miss Miriam Booth is appointed to Leeds (Central), Armley Home; Miss Edith C. Doe, to Wedmore; Miss Janet Gibb, to Burneside; Miss Annie E. Jones to Torquay; Miss Katharine Mackay to Hammersmith; Miss Annie L. Thompson, to Dunmow; Miss Alberta Williams, to Kensington; Miss Edith J. Woodhouse, to Leeds (Central), Armley Home; Mrs. Jean D. Wright, to Arnold and Daybrook.

**PRESENTATION.**

Miss Marian S. Riddell, R.R.C., late Matron of the Chelsea Hospital for Women has been presented by the members of the Ladies' Committee with a handsome set of silver fittings for a dressing case, accompanied by a letter, signed by all the members, appreciative of Miss Riddell's work as Matron of the Hospital, and expressing the regret of the Committee at her resignation. Recognition of good work is always pleasant and Miss Riddell's at the Chelsea Hospital for Women was of a high order. The hospital was always her first consideration.

**THE AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITAL.**

The American Women's Hospital for Officers, 98 and 99, Lancaster Gate, S.W., subscribed for by the American Women's War Relief Fund, was opened on Wednesday by the United States Ambassador and Mrs. Page. Miss Illingworth is Sister-in-Charge, with five fully-trained Sisters and eight Staff Nurses working under her. The hospital, which will be used for primary cases, contains 45 beds. The resident medical officer is Dr. E. H. Browne Carthew. The V.A.D. will supply the pantry staff.

## NURSING ECHOES.

Parents in the past have been culpably neglectful in not teaching their daughters—especially those compelled to earn their own living—the elements of business, so that the majority of young women enter into industrial or professional life as units, concentrating their efforts on personal as apart from communal interests. Take private nurses. Once trained and certificated, many well-qualified young women glance down an unprofessional advertisement sheet, and often apply for work in institutions run by the laity or semi-trained persons, for which they have to pay a quite unnecessarily high percentage. They make no inquiry whatever as to the market value of their work. Others, with a very well-developed sense of personal self-interest, are seldom satisfied unless they get everything for nothing. Listen to the following colloquy:—

*Superintendent:* You wish to join a well-organized Co-operation?

*Candidate:* Yes.

*Superintendent:* Why?

*Candidate:* Oh! because it's a running concern, and I want to be sure of good work.

*Superintendent:* What do you mean by Co-operation?

*Candidate:* I suppose you have a number of doctors who apply here for nurses, and I should get my share of cases. I don't know any London doctors.

*Superintendent:* You mean you would individually benefit by the clientèle built up by the good work of your colleagues?

*Candidate:* Yes, if I was on my own I mightn't get enough work.

*Superintendent:* Do you not realise that co-operation means acting conjointly for the common interest?

*Candidate:* Is this a Socialist Society? If so, I would rather not join. I don't want to be mixed up with politics!

Exit candidate. Superintendent sighs!

Before the deluded people of this realm realised that the treacherous Hohenzollern had been for years preparing to crush the life out of it—and away with the swag—the Army Nursing Reserve and the Territorial Force Nursing Service were being organized. We always encouraged the members of the Society of Private Nurses, with which we are associated as Hon. Superintendent, to volunteer in time of peace for service with these patriotic Services in readiness for times of war. When war broke out in 1914, one quarter of these private nurses



were mobilised, and many others volunteered. The economic question which had to be faced was how to run the Co-operation, so that after the war the members might return and find well-paid work waiting for them. It was decided that if the business bringing in eleven thousand pounds a year was to be kept going, the members should recognise their business obligations to their colleagues who would carry on the Co-operation in their absence, by contributing the usual  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., and pay  $3\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. on two guineas a week per annum.

To the credit of those members who understood business, this appeared an equitable arrangement, but to those who have never realised that "co-operation" means co-operative obligation, as well as co-operative gain, it was thought "very hard indeed," and several resignations were received. It is the story of the wise and foolish virgins to the letter. The "everything for nothing" nurse, when she returns after several years of hard war work—we fear somewhat tired and aged—must seek fresh work in an overstocked market, but the "give and take" nurse will find good work awaiting her in her own Co-operation, which she has wisely helped by a little self-sacrifice to maintain during the disruption of nursing economics during the war.

We point the moral of this episode in the hope that trained professional nurses, competing in the open market, will realise as men do, that "you can't pour out of a pitcher what isn't in it." If you don't place your pence in the jug, it is not fair that you should dive in for golden sovereigns.

The Annual Meeting of the East London Nursing Society was held by kind permission of Lord and Lady Glenconner at 34, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W., on March 20th. Sir William Collins, M.D., M.P., K.C.V.O., presided, in the unavoidable absence of the host.

The meeting was a bright and animated one, and should have been inspired by the beautiful room, overlooking the Park, in which it was held, containing many priceless portraits by Romney, Gainsborough, Sir Joshua Reynolds, and other great masters.

The Chairman, in his opening remarks, quoted Miss Nightingale's word that nothing second best was good enough for the sick poor. Though there were other names associated with the pioneer nursing at that time, still he would say that district nursing was the "prolonged shadow" of Florence Nightingale. He ventured to think that State-supported societies could never have the same value as those supported by voluntary effort. They should be

organised, but not officialised. The Bishop of London said that it was the very best society in East London, and he was sorry to say there was a deficit on it. It made him impatient when people took subscriptions from one charity to give to another. Would it, did the audience think, please the men in the trenches if their mothers and children died at home for want of proper attention? £2,500 a year only was required to maintain these nurses, and it was absurd to say that this sum would count in the five to six millions that were daily being spent upon the war.

The Rev. Benjamin Gregory, East London Mission, said he could not conceive of services more highly valued, more deeply needed, or more nobly rendered than those given by the East London nurses.

The shortage of nurses and consequent difficulty of getting the work done has been an outstanding feature of the past year.

## DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE.

### A TEMPTING OFFER FOR ONE MORE WEEK.

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is the only weekly journal for nurses owned, controlled, and edited by Trained Nurses, and is therefore the only professional Nursing journal. You can't teach what you do not know, and the laity have no more right to teach the Science of Nursing, or to voice the opinions of our profession, than they have to assume the same responsibility towards the medical profession. Under lay control commercial influence is paramount. We may leave it at that.

The B.J.N. is a cult—a professional stimulant, and hundreds of nurses have subscribed to it for twenty years. Its *clientèle* realise that its ethical standards, and fighting force, are assets beyond price, and we have no doubt that to raise its price in the open market from one penny to twopence weekly will make little difference to its circulation. This we regret to be compelled to do, owing to the cost of labour and paper. Until the 31st inst. we intend to offer THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to those who pay an Annual Subscription of 6s. 6d. at the usual price, after which date the JOURNAL will be charged 2d. from the Newsagents, and at the rate of 10s. 10d. to subscribers in the United Kingdom, 2s. 9d. for 13 weeks. All those who wish to avail themselves of this offer should send 6s. 6d. without delay to the Manager, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. 1, as it will greatly facilitate the organization of production and delivery.



## WOMEN AND NATIONAL SERVICE.

The great mass meeting of women held in the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday last, which Her Majesty the Queen honoured with her presence, was nevertheless somewhat of a disappointment to those who came from far and near to hear from Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Director General of National Service and those who supported him, how best the service they were eager to offer to their country could be utilised. The message of the meeting was that they were to be patient, until those to whom the organisation of women's work had been entrusted had something more to tell them. The only speech which, in our view, was of practical value was that of the President of the Board of Agriculture, the Right Hon. R. E. Prothero, who was emphatic that the cultivation of the soil had become a matter of urgent necessity, and imperative demand. It might not offer scope for great achievements, but women who had shown that—given the opportunity—they could do great things, would also, if they were convinced of the need, do little things greatly. That was the strength of his appeal.

The Secretary of the State for War, the Earl of Derby, had a great opportunity, which he failed to use. Opposite him, as he spoke, was Her Majesty the Queen, surrounded by the wives of high officials from Over-Seas, and in the boxes on either side of her were distinguished members of the Royal Navy Nursing Service, looking charming in their dark blue uniform faced with scarlet, and spotless kerchief caps, and the representatives of the Military Nursing Services which are in Lord Derby's own Department. The occasion was an ideal one for recognition of the work of the trained nurses of all ranks upon whom the real responsibility of the skilled care of the sick and wounded has fallen, and who by their devoted service have prevented an incalculable amount of suffering and saved many lives; for some public acknowledgment also of the services of the trained and competent nurses who have rallied to the help of our sick and wounded, from Canada, from South Africa, from Australia, from New Zealand, and who have earned the gratitude of their patients by their devotion and skill. Instead he eulogised the work of the unskilled amateur, the V.A.D., of which, he said, it was "impossible to speak too highly." It is small wonder that not only by trained nurses present, but also by members of the public, just indignation was expressed.

The failure to put any organised and concrete scheme before the meeting for utilising women's work undoubtedly deeply disappointed hundreds of women who were present.

M. B.

### A RECOLLECTION.

I have a vivid recollection of Mrs. Harley at the Suffrage Camp organised by Miss Thurstan at Weymouth in May, 1914. The Camp was pitched on a lovely hill side about 1½ miles from the town,

and we had found one afternoon, when over 1,000 visitors attended, that the soldiers and sailors on leave from the ships were inclined to get a little bit rowdy. Miss Thurstan had the matter successfully in hand at once, but it was decided that, for the evening meeting, a cordon should be formed from the entrance gate to the speakers' tent to prevent people straying over the camp in the dark. We anticipated some difficulty, owing to the very large crowds, many rather excited, pressing for entrance, for Suffrage meetings in those days were still liable to rough intervention, and we had no police or men of any kind to help us. Mrs. Harley, Miss Thurstan, and some others of us joined hands to form a sort of cordon. I was next to Mrs. Harley, and I at once felt that she had the gallant soldier's spirit and would never leave her post. It was rather curious to have this thought in a time of profound peace, but now we know it was a true one.

E. L. C. EDEN.

## UP-TO-DATE NURSES' TEXT BOOKS.

The importance of up-to-date nursing literature to those who are nursing the sick and wounded is obvious, and the series of Books for Nurses published by Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons—an American firm with an English house at 24, Bedford Street, Strand, W.C.—are of a high standard of excellence. Several have no counterpart in this country, such as the "Medical Dictionary for Nurses," by Miss Amy E. Pope; "Hygiene and Morality" (5s. net), by Miss L. L. Dock, a manual for nurses of great value, giving an outline of the medical, social and legal aspects of the venereal diseases, a subject on which it is of special importance just now that nurses should be adequately instructed; a "Text-Book of Materia Medica for Nurses" (Revised in conformity to the British Pharmacopœia), by the same author; and much other valuable nursing literature. We were recently told by the Matron of a large London Hospital that when she was desirous of drawing up a list of text books for her nursing staff she went to the British Museum to acquaint herself with the literature published for nurses, and found the American books much the best.

It will be realised that the recent restrictions of importations include books, but it would be a calamity if those on which so many nurses depend for keeping their professional knowledge up to date were barred, and we sincerely hope that Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons will secure special permission to import nursing literature of such proved utility. They have a strong case.

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## BOOK OF THE WEEK.

## "THAT WOMAN FROM JAVA."\*

She was emphatically *that* woman.

The really attractive features in this story are the charming descriptions of the Dutch East Indies. Some of the character drawing, too, is quite excellent. On the whole, it is quite above the average and worth reading. Hanna Van Doot was a *young* Dutch lady of about forty summers, with a flavour that so often accompanies out-of-season luxuries. She was the most inveterate gossip of the place, and resented any more youthful charms which happened to be in evidence. That Mrs. Hamilton was a very attractive young woman who appeared from nowhere and settled at Laroet. There was a mystery about her that Hanna was unable to unravel. The regrettable part was that Mrs. Hamilton had never once offered to solve it. If she was aware of the gossip she made no sign.

A year had passed away and Mrs. Hamilton, contrary to all expectations, had done nothing out of the ordinary. True, she went about a good deal, and laughed and flirted a good deal, and one seldom saw her without a man in attendance.

Hanna, looking out of her window, exclaimed suddenly in her sharp voice: "Wilhelmina, come and look."

Up to four o'clock all self-respecting and sun-respecting inhabitants are snoring peacefully in dim shuttered rooms or in the wide shaded verandahs that are a feature of all Dutch houses in Java.

It was all the more distressing then that this Mrs. Hamilton, in her white gown and a scarlet parasol shading her hatless dark head, should be, to use Miss Hanna's expression, "flaunting" herself around Laroet at an hour when every other respectable woman was indoors. To crown her offence she was walking with the new missionary that Miss Hanna thought of with hopes that always centred round every male newcomer.

"Do you think, Hanna, that Mr. Royston has forgotten that this is our day?"

But Mr. Royston fulfilled his obligation manfully, and a few minutes later found him in Miss Van Doot's drawing-room, endeavouring to steer the conversation away from *that* woman. He evinced an interest in the parrot.

"It belonged to dear Pa," Miss Wilhelmina informed him. "Sometimes when you are in another room you might almost think it was Pa."

Nurses will be amused at the little picture of the Dutch assistant matron at the sanatorium, where Mrs. Hamilton goes to visit her good-for-nothing husband, the non-appearance of whom had given Miss Hanna so much malicious enjoyment.

A stout, strong Dutch woman came out on to the tiled verandah and smiled pleasantly.

She, too, wore the loose cotton jacket and she yawned as if just roused from an afternoon siesta.

\* By E. Hardingham Quinn. London: Hurst & Blackett.

"I am glad the summer is passing over," she remarked. "I envied you when I saw you coming up the path, you looked so cool and slim. And in a few minutes I shall have to pack myself into a uniform like a tinned sardine, because the doctor is coming. He is a new man and has a bad habit of popping in unexpectedly. It is most annoying, especially on a day like this. A uniform doesn't help to cure the patients."

Mrs. Hamilton's husband died unexpectedly, while she was at a ball, which was the event of the year for the inhabitants of Laroet. The stout matron, clad in blue satin, was also enjoying herself, when the telephone announced the death of her patient, and Margaret Hamilton's husband. This reference to a journey is a good example of the descriptive power of the writer.

"The train was in. The native porters were, with much noisy chattering, stowing away boxes in a little guard's van that looked ridiculously like a child's painted toy."

"It seemed as if all the heat of the summer had concentrated itself into this day. The stout figure of the matron, in a white linen gown and a long veil flaunting from her green-lined sun helmet, bustled up and down making final preparations. They passed station after station, through groves of palms and huge magnolias, blazing pink and white on either side of the track, where little painted boats plied up and down."

"'I think,' remarked the matron once, 'the lid is off Hades to-day.'"

A story that can bring the glamour of other countries around us is, in our opinion, generally worth reading.

H. H.

## THE SHIPS TAKE WING.

The snow has passed, the crocus blooms,  
A swelling tide of life returns;  
Green lights invade the forest glooms,  
All nature wakes and yearns.  
The breeze lifts and the ships take wing  
To havens which we long have known;  
And yet—and yet I dread the spring,  
For fear you may be gone.

Life gives us sweet delights and then  
Gathers them back and buries them deep.  
Oh! wanton hearts, that kill them when  
They do not tire or sleep.  
The breeze lifts and the ships take wing—  
Be with me through the spring.

—From "The Great Valley," Edgar Lee Masters.

## WORD FOR THE WEEK.

"The War depends upon food."

—Mr. Prothero, at the Albert Hall.

## COMING EVENTS.

March 22nd.—Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives. Annual Meeting, 9, Queen Anne Street, Cavendish Square, W., Major A. P. Luff, R.A.M.C. (T.), presiding. Address on "Midwifery and Government Subsidies," by Dr. George Reid, D.P.H. 3.30 p.m.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

## "BEWARE."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—A straw shows which way the wind blows, and there is an ugly rumour going round that V.A.D.'s and W.O. special probationers who desire to train may do so in the hospital training schools, and that the time served in the Army hospitals will be deducted from their three years' training! Such a state of affairs must not be entertained for a moment. No "war helper" has been taught by any trained nurse in the way we train our probationers in peace time. Firstly, there is not the time; secondly, what is the use when you do not know (and sometimes consider the helper unsuitable) if she desires to continue nursing after the war. Any nursing these girls have picked up in the military hospitals is sketchy in the extreme. Personally, I allot certain duties to certain "helpers," and instruct them in these duties only. They receive no lectures, no regular systematic training, and yet it is suggested that if such a probationer has served two years in a military hospital, one year in a general hospital will certificate her! If our nursing profession does not take warning and wake up it will be in the condition our country was when misgoverned by the "Wait and See" Government. Now is the time to form a strong union of trained (real trained) nurses holding three years' certificates in a general hospital, and to take up our position, stipulate with hospitals that they shall train probationers on certain lines so as to enable them to enter for a central examination at the end of their course, and prevent the government of our profession being usurped by employers and the laity, and make it impossible for untrained people ever again to wear nurses' military decorations or masquerade in their uniform.

Looking about for such a union I lighted on the National Union of Trained Nurses. On enquiry I found it to be a thoroughly democratic society governed by trained nurses elected by their fellow members. They aim at State Registration for trained nurses by Act of Parliament, higher education and training, and through direct representation of the rank and file they shall obtain freedom of action, their professional and economic interests will be forwarded, together with arrangements for deepening and widening nurses' social interests and giving them post-graduate classes. Such a union could be of immeasurable use to the profession if we raise the membership and become a thoroughly independent body. I promptly joined and now

wish others to do so also, so that we may form a union strong enough to obtain legal advice and protection for its members.

Yours truly,

J. B. N. PATERSON.

The Address of the National Union of Trained Nurses is 46, Marsham Street, Westminster, S.W.

## APPRECIATION OF THE N.U.T.N.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MADAM,—For a long time I have wanted to express my gratitude through your Journal to the National Union of Trained Nurses for the help and kindness they have so cheerfully given. I am sure I am only one of many Colonials who feel the same and will be glad to see these few lines. I am convinced that many have called at the offices and few have left without feeling helped and encouraged.

I should also like to draw attention to the generous piece of work which is being done in conducting the War Register for Nurses wanting posts. When one considers that no fee is charged, and that the expense for forms and postage must be great, without considering the time of the lady who undertakes that department, I am surprised that so little comment has been made in the press; but I suppose it is the National Union's way of "doing their bit."

I do not know of any other place in London where nurses can obtain advice on professional matters in a more friendly spirit, and I was much impressed by the number of little green stars (the badge of the Union) one meets in France; they make one realise how the Union is spreading.

Yours faithfully,

SISTER JACKSON.

National Hotel, W.C.

## OUR PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

## QUESTIONS.

*March 31st.*—What is a civic nurse? Give an idea of her true relationship to the municipality and public health service.

*April 7th.*—How would you render first aid to a patient suffering from burns in a workman's cottage, where few remedies were available, and what steps would you take to secure the efficient nursing of the patient?

*April 14th.*—What precautions would you take in nursing patients in a ward devoted to the reception of persons suffering from venereal diseases? How may infection spread (1) from one patient to another, (2) to the nurse-in-charge?

*April 21st.*—How are wounds infected? How may infection be avoided or minimized?

## COST OF B.J.N. 2d. WEEKLY.

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## Prize Competition.

### RULES FOR COMPETITION.

1. Any reader of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING may compete for the prize of **FIVE SHILLINGS** which will be paid to the **writer of the best article of from 300 to 750 words on the following subject—**  
**"What is a civic nurse? Give an idea of her true relationship to the municipality and public health service."**

The dated Coupon for March 24th, published on this page, must be cut out by the Competitor, and enclosed with the article she sends, with her full name and address inserted. The number of words of article to be written on left hand top corner of first page. This answer should be posted not later than **March 24th**, to the Editor, 20, Upper Wimpole St., London, W., marked on the envelope **"Prize Competition."** **The Name of the Winner of the Prize and the Prize Article will appear on March 31st, 1917.**

2. The Editor's decision must be accepted by each Competitor as final and unquestionable.

**Prize Competition Coupon**

**March 24th, 1917**

Name of Competitor .....

Address .....

# The Midwife.

## CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

### MONTHLY MEETING.

A meeting of the Central Midwives Board was held in the Board Room, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, on March 15th, Sir Francis Champneys presiding.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters were received (a) from the Clerk of the Society of Apothecaries of London, informing the Board that Mr. Arthur Henry Williams Ayling, L.S.A., Master of the Society, had been appointed as the representative of the Society on the Board for one year ensuing April 1st next; (b) from the Clerk of the Council, stating that the Lords of the Council approve for the purpose of the Apportionment of contributions from Local Supervising Authorities the balance of £3,375 16s. 4d. shown against the Board in the Financial Statement for the year 1916.

### REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

On the report of the Standing Committee further correspondence was considered with reference to a candidate for examination who was stated by an Approved Midwife in whose house she was residing to have taken a variety of drugs and stimulants during the week preceding the Examination of October 24th and in particular during the morning of the first day of that examination. It was decided that the candidate be informed that the Board is not satisfied with the explanation.

Letters were considered from a candidate who had tendered a false certificate of birth and had been required by the Board to procure special certificates with regard to her truthfulness. Such certificates were tendered and the Board decided that no further action be taken.

A letter was considered from the Local Government Board asking the Central Midwives Board further to consider the question of a limited delegation by a County Council, under certain conditions, to an Urban District Council within its area having a population of not less than 20,000.

It was decided to reply "that the Central Midwives Board regret the delegation of the power of inspection of Midwives and would point out that the Departmental Committee reported against it, that under the Amending Bill it is proposed to be repealed, and that it is not given in the Scottish Act."

### APPLICATIONS.

*For Voluntary Removal of Name from the Roll.*—The applications of fifteen Midwives for the removal of their names from the Roll were granted.

*For Recognition as Lecturer.*—The applications of Mr. Gilbert Eames French, M.R.C.S., and Mr.

Robert Henry Norgate, M.R.C.S., for recognition as lecturers were granted.

*For Approval as Trainer.*—The application of Midwife Alice East (No. 29921) for approval as a trainer was granted.

### REVISION OF LISTS.

The Secretary brought up the revised List of Examiners for the year April 1st, 1917, to March 31st, 1918. Also the list of Registered Medical Practitioners and the list of midwives approved as trainers. Approval was refused to one midwife, otherwise the Lists were approved as presented.

### RESOLUTION.

It was resolved: "That the Chairman be requested to communicate with the Privy Council asking that some relief may be afforded to the heavy expenses incurred by the county members in attending Board meetings owing to the large increase in railway fares."

### PENAL MEETING.

The next Penal Meeting was announced for Friday, April 20th, at 11 a.m.

### OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chairman announced that two members of the Board would cease to be members after the meeting, Mr. Parker Young and Mr. Golding Bird. He regretted that ill-health was the cause of Mr. Parker Young's resignation; the Board would regret him very considerably. He was brave, honest and public-spirited. The Chairman also thanked Mr. Golding Bird for the patient and careful way in which he had entered into the work of the Board, and in replying Mr. Golding Bird said he had found it the very model of a business board. The Board passed a unanimous vote of thanks to both members for their public-spirited and assiduous work.

No one will regret the resignation of Mr. Parker Young more than the press, whose very good friend he has always been.

Our report of the Penal Cases dealt with on March 14th, is unavoidably held over.

### A HOPEFUL OPINION.

Lord Rhondda, in a letter to the *Times*, states that since he took up his present office as President of the Local Government Board, examination of the subject has convinced him that by proper co-ordination of the health activities of the various agencies and the application of modern scientific methods, it is not too much to hope that a thousand innocent lives may be saved every week which are now hopelessly lost.

In the estimates of the L.G.B. for 1917-18, the grant for maternity and infant welfare is increased by £90,000.



### IMPERIAL EUGENICS.

Dr. C. W. Saleeby, speaking on "Imperial Eugenics" at the Royal Institution last Saturday, said there was one happy fact observable during the war: the infant mortality in 1916 for Great Britain was the lowest ever recorded. Nevertheless, there were a great many ante-natal deaths which could be prevented—something like 110,000 in the British Isles during the last decade.

There were several ways in which we could increase our population. We could save children's lives; we could help parenthood. At present we systematically flouted it and penalised it, and in effect prohibited it, both in the way of taxes and by making no provisions for it in housing. Houses were built for single people and for childless couples: in short, people were housed and not "homed."

We ought to have a policy of intra-Empire migration. Already there were about one million more women in the British Isles than men, and now and after the war there would be no fit man to spare for emigration. On the other hand, there were far more men in the Colonies than women, and we needed fit women to emigrate. It would be a good thing if some of the Colonials who were now in this country could mate with our girls and return with them to the Colonies.

### MOTHERCRAFT.

By the kindness of Lady Walstein, a drawing-room meeting was held at 12, Bruton Street, W., on March 19th to discuss the proposed scheme for a National Institute of Mothercraft.

Sir Charles Walstein presided.

Major Eden, M.D., addressed the meeting on the subject of the maternal instinct, and the absence of it. He also dealt with the individuality of the infant. He remarked that while women had shown themselves in so many occupations the equal of men, the old-fashioned occupation of motherhood had fallen rather into discredit. In dealing with the infant, it was, he said, only the unseeing eye that held all babies to be alike. Their budding individuality was very fascinating.

Miss Holford, the Hon. Secretary of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, very lucidly described the objects of the proposed National Institute.

It was to be an educational centre where infant welfare workers would find the material to enable them to study and equip themselves for their work. It was not their object to treat sick children, but to keep healthy children well. It would comprise both ante-natal and post-natal work. They hoped to include a dental department for the mothers, infant consultations, school for mothers, a department for the ex-baby, a day nursery, and a nursery school.

Trained nurses and midwives, who, as a rule, had experience only of sick children and very young infants, could here supplement their experience.

Dr. Eric Pritchard said there had been objections

raised to this scheme by Sir J. Crichton Browne on the ground there was nothing new in it. He held that mothercraft in a scientific sense was new.

One of the most important objects of the Institute would be research work. There was no systematic research work for this purpose in the country.

It would provide a post graduate course for midwives, and it would be able to admit a limited number of students for the study of healthy infants.

### LEICESTERSHIRE MIDWIVES' ASSOCIATION.

At the third annual meeting of the Leicestershire Midwives' Association, of which Miss E. Pell Smith is President, held in Leicester on March 14th, Mrs. Bond gave an instructive address on infant mortality, and Lady Beaumont proposed a resolution approving of legislation making unqualified treatment of venereal diseases a penal offence.

Miss Cauty, Superintendent County Nursing Association, read a paper criticising the proposal of the Local Government Board for the delegation by County Councils of their authority as Local Supervising Authorities of Midwives under the Midwives' Act to boroughs with 20,000 inhabitants. A resolution adverse to the proposal was unanimously carried, which it was arranged to send to the Local Government Board and to local members of Parliament.

### THE ABERDEEN MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Aberdeen Dispensary and Vaccine Institution, and of the Maternity Hospital, the effect of the war on the former Institution was very evident. Professor Matthew Hay said, in regard to the former, that male patients, with the exception of a few old men had practically ceased to attend, and suggested whether it might not take a definite part in the maternity and welfare work for women and children which would have to be undertaken. He noted that 54 cases of syphilis, 42 acquired, and 12 congenital were reported by Dr. Booth as having been treated in his department. On behalf of the Local Authority Professor Hay offered the Dispensary the free use of special remedies and appliances in the treatment of venereal diseases.

Professor Cash, who moved the adoption of the report of the Maternity Hospital, said that before the passing of the Midwives Act (Scotland) the mortality of mothers in Scotland was nearly half as much again as amongst mothers in England. That showed the pressing need of the application of the Act to Scotland; and he emphasised the fact that in their excellently equipped hospital they had the means of training women competent to act as midwives who would take the place of the incompetent people who had been a source of danger to the community.

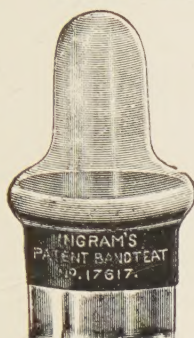


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